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Having been around since the beginning of the "micro computer industry" since I bought my first radio shack computer in 1977, I can comment that Micrososft controls everything and we now have no more choices.

The industry is dominated by them. the enthusiasm that created this industry is now gone and hopelessly forever linked to Microsoft tentacles that we can't shed no matter what we do. Their software needs upgrading every couple of years that demands more money from the consumer. they integrate every new innovation into their operating system and destroy the incentive to create new stuff.

Their bullying of the JAVA language the Sun Computers invented is a perfect example of hijacking innovation.

The zest and fervor surrounding the industy is slowly dying. I used to look forward to programming and trying new things and being part of an ever expanding industry. Now we sit on the sidelines and watch "Microsoft do their thing". Punishment should be very severe. A compnay like Microsoft that has endless resources also has numbers of tricks up it's sleeves. The idea that they will just sit and behave is ludicrous. The wealth accumulated by this company is drectly related to it's forceful actions. Some of it needs to be taken away.

I slimmed down version of windows would be very usefull and any patenets they hold with the operating system should be invalidated becuase of their actions.

I suspect that they will only continue to corner the industry and hold many companies hostage to their petty demands because they can. If only in suttle tones it is enough to make and small innovator capitulate to a giant like Microsoft that has unlimited legal help and dollars. No company would every think of taking them on Excpet manybe IBM and SUN. Everyone else is lost.

As I write this text on my WINDOWS computer and you receive it on your windows computer.... think about the choices we really have. NONE NONE....

HELP us the reinvigorate this industry again and allow the genius that every single one of us can perhaps bring to this industry and let them benefit from the ideas and share in the wealth.

Thanks

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